

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Yabuta et al.	§ Group Art Unit: 3625
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For: Method and System for Performing Commodity Purchasing	§ Attorney Docket No.: JP920000193US1

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Prior to continued examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of Claims begins on **page 2** of this paper.

Remarks begin on **page 5** of this paper.